

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NON-PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TO COMPANIES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies supplying medicines to the C.G.H.S. dispensaries have stopped the supplying of medicines in the wake of non-payment of outstanding amount of such companies by the Government due to which the beneficiaries of CGHS dispensaries are facing a lot of problems; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take an early action in this regard so that the problems being faced by the beneficiaries of CGHS dispensaries particularly senior citizens, can be addressed?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) The CGHS does not purchase allopathic medicines directly from the Companies as all the bulk requirement of medicines for CGHS are procured through Medical Stores Organisation under the Dte. GHS. The medicines not available in the CGHS dispensaries are indented with the authorised local chemists appointed under CGHS for supplying the same to the dispensaries. As regards supply of medicines to the ISM&H dispensaries under CGHS is concerned, no supplier has stopped supply of medicines due to non-payment of their outstanding bills.

At present, the availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries is not adequate. Due to the ongoing strike of the authorized local chemists of CGHS Delhi, the beneficiaries have been allowed to purchase the medicines from open market and get reimbursement of the expenses incurred on this account from the Govt. Arrangements have also been made for making reimbursement to CGHS pensioner beneficiaries in the concerned CGHS dispensary itself.

In the present context, steps have been taken to procure generic as well as proprietary medicines through the Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Limited. The supplies have already started arriving in CGHS Delhi .

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.